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PLAY IS INSTRUCTIVE

GAMES OF CHILDREN COVERED BY SECOND NATURE.

The Love of Youngsters For Swinging Is a Function in Harmony With Great Natural Pulsation and Probably Has Its Origin Away Back In the Dim Ages of the Development of the Human Race.

According to the scientist, most of the play activities of children hark back to the early history of the human organism. In play, racial history is rehearsed unconsciously by childhood. For most of the physical exercises in which children delight there is a racial setting.

The child who loves to swing keeps time instinctively to the pulse of mother ocah. His fondness for swinging back and forth, or from side to side, suggests the slow, oscillatory movements used by fish in swimming or maintaining their position in currents of water. Other evidences of some old aquatic life appear in sleep, when the higher functions are cut off and ancestral experiences crop out, later to color waking moments. Dream statistics show how a dreamer floats, hovers, glides, with absolute independence of gravity; how he swings high or low with the same freedom that he moves horizontally. Thus his early ancestors floated and swam along before legs, and the soul still retains traces of this in the same way that the body does in rudimentary organs.

Similarly an organism accustomed through generations to tree life, when the earth was covered with forest, would find swaying a natural motion. In the same way other activities, which were once necessary for survival of the individual, became, so much a part of man's organism that the need of them remains to insure his perfect development; inherited tendencies of muscular co-ordination, which have been of great use to the race, find natural expression in the spontaneous play life of children.

The child who plays ball is imitating a savage ancestor to whom the power to throw with speed and accuracy meant ability to overcome his enemies, to take care of his family, and to kill game, at a time when spear, sling and arrow were usual weapons in pursuit of war or chase. He who enjoys games of balance repeats instinctively the experience of prehistoric life either in the ocean's deep or in the treetop. All games that are concerted and intensive have their origin in a deep sense of rhythm.

Most of the games of ball are of this character, and they have beside great emotional power, which makes them favorites with children. Tag and games of chase belong to a period when fleetness of foot was required for escape from enemies, and evidences of the Iron Age origin survive in iron tag and stone tag, in the first known form of which the chaser was supposed to be a dwarf of great age and malignant power to escape from whom the magical influence of metal was helpful.

Girls take up croquet at the age

when boys take up swimming. Girls pay less attention to the different seasons in their play, perhaps because their activities are more likely to be indoors. Favorite games of the early teens involve passive motion and falling, like swinging in its many forms, including the maypole and single rope varieties. Wheeling and skating, which are psychologically allied to these, also rise in esteem at this period of growth.

At the same time interest increases in all concerted games which have their root in the sense of rhythm. College yells, cheers, rowing, marching, processions, tug of war, horseback riding—activities all more or less rhythmic—come into their own, and the "thumogenic" emotional power restores to favor all games of hitting, striking or throwing balls and other objects, such as hockey, tennis, golf and croquet.

At the Berlin play congress in 1894 play impulses of this type came into their own. Teachers began to recognize that they are better than gymnastics for soul as well as for body, and have been used to relieve the drudgery of school work. Some authorities have even gone so far as to claim that a well-rounded education could be given by plays and games alone, on the principle that there is no profit where there is no pleasure. And the young often do their hardest work in play.

Whether one accepts or rejects this scientific theory that the plays of children originated in impulses for self-preservation of primitive man, one still must recognize their historic character. Most of our best games are old. But children are imitative and not inventive in their games, so it is no surprise to find that while popular games and lore present history in childish guise, few were originated and few game rhymes were composed by children. They were formerly played, as they still are in many lands, by mature men and women. Homer in the Odyssey describes a game of ball which the Princess Nausicaa played with her maidens after they had washed their "shining" clothes by the river side.

The poets tell us that the maids of honor of Queen Elizabeth's day were fond of the game of tag and defended themselves on the ground that in this way Diana and her nymphs were accustomed to while idle hours away. Froissart, writing of the court of France, describes games and sports familiar to his childhood as favorites with the courtiers. The Spectator speaks of the women of fashion in London playing children's games. All of which might be used as an argument for the instinctive character of such play activities.

New System Chosen.

The single phase system for electrification of railroads in preference to the third rail has been adopted by the Swiss Government.

Oderous Explosives.

The suggestion is made that a law be passed compelling all manufacturers of explosives, especially nitroglycerine, dynamite and others of this class used for bombs, to impregnate these materials with some strong smelling substance. It is believed that the presence of the explosive would be revealed to everybody near it and that it would be impossible to store, manufacture, transport or manipulate it in any way secretly. It would be its own detective in case of crime committed with it. It is suggested that something of the nature of iodoform would answer.

A Test Far Beneath His Capacity.

The young son of a lawyer who lives out south has just made his first appearance at kindergarten. The other day his teacher asked the children to look over the room and any who could count to rise and tell her the number of children in the room. The young south sider arose and, looking about over the heads, remarked with great aplomb: "Huh! I can't count these children, because I can count to a hundred, and there ain't that many here."

False Ones.

There is a false modesty, which is vanity; a false glory, which is levity; a false grandeur, which is meanness; a false virtue, which is hypocrisy; and a false wisdom, which is prudery.—Bryere.

Meerschmum.

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